

served as volunteer director for the Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House, a project that was made possible by her efforts as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saginaw County Building Fund Committee. She also serves as Special Envoy and Liaison Officer from Saginaw to its Sister City, Tokushima, Japan. Undoubtedly, her efforts in this regard have played a significant role in expanding the cultural awareness of an entire community.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Ms. Mossner is that she has managed to do all of this while placing her primary focus upon raising her own three children. Mr. President, on behalf of the entire United States Senate, I applaud Ms. Mossner for her dedication to expanding the cultural knowledge in Michigan. I am sure that the effects of her work are immeasurable.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting withdrawals and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA)—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 96

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2000.

#### SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON PAYMENTS TO CUBA WITH RESPECT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 97

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report "detailing payments made to Cuba . . . as a result of the provision of telecommunications services" pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2000.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 290. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

#### MEASURE REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 290. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005; to the Committee on the Budget.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2284. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 2285. A bill instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2366. An act to provide small business certain protections from litigation excesses

and to limit the product liability of non-manufacturer product sellers.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8146. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Comments on the Revision of Proposed Section 987 Regulations" (Notice 2000-20) (OGI-116999-99), received March 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8147. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Customs Automation Modernization Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8148. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to Customs Forms" (T.D. 00-12), received March 23, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8149. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2000-13), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8150. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Treatment of Cafeteria Plans" (RIN 1545-AX58), received March 23, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8151. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Medicare Modernization Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8152. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Melrose Range and Yakima Training Center Transfer Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8153. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Addition of Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid to Schedule I" (DEA-200F), received March 23, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8154. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Backup Power Sources for DOE Facilities" (DOE-STD 3003-2000), received March 23, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8155. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The DOE Corporate Lessons Learned Program" (DOE-STD 7501-99), received March 23, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.